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DORETHA BROWN



It is indeed an honor and privilege to dedicate this Annual Report and Directory to Doretha Brown who is a legend in her own lifetime. She was selected as we celebrate her fifty (50) years as a Missionary.

It was October 1960 when Doretha Brown made a decision to leave Franklin, Louisiana to go to Africa, and her decision came four months after being commissioned as a United Methodist Missionary. She stated at that time, *"I made a conscious decision to go to Africa because I thought the need was great and I could render service there as a teacher. At first I hadn't thought about serving in Liberia, I had wanted to go to what was then the Belgian Congo. But in 1959, Prince Taylor, the United Methodist Missionary Bishop of Liberia, spoke in Nashville where I was in school. He said missionaries were needed in Liberia."*

Ms. Brown was born in Ivanhoe, LA in 1928 on a small farm in rural Louisiana. The fifth of twelve children, she grew up under circumstances that had strong similarities to what she found in developing Liberia. When she was ten, her family moved to the small town of Franklin. Soon she became immersed in the life of Asbury Methodist Church. At the age of thirteen, she decided to go into mission: "I remember going to church in New Orleans during vacation that year. I was listening to the sermon, and, as Wesley said, *'my heart was strangely moved.'* I wanted to help and work with people. Most people I knew tried to change my mind, but my father told me, 'If this makes you happy, you go with my blessings.'"

Education soon became her focus, no doubt prompted by her success and enjoyment in church teaching. *"My life's work and purpose is to teach," she wrote. True to that goal, she completed her B.A. in Elementary Education at Dillard University in New Orleans and taught grade school for two years. She followed that with a year at Scarritt College in Nashville, and she taught junior high students at Sager Brown School in Baldwin, LA, before departing for Liberia.*

Once in Liberia, she directed Ganta hostel and taught part-time. The Ganta hostel had as many as 50 girls at a time. Ten years later, Bishop S. Trowen Nagbe, Liberia's first indigenous Methodist bishop, appointed Doretha Brown to the girls' student hostel in Monrovia. In Monrovia the girls came from widely diversified backgrounds, reflecting the make-up of the United Methodist Church there.

Ms Doretha Brown retired from missionary service after almost 37 years in Africa. In addition to Liberia where she served until 1990, she served at the Harford School for Girls, a United Methodist high school in Moyamba, Sierra Leone. In Sierra Leone, her work was threatened by civil war, but she remained there until 1997. When she was finally evacuated, she took her two dresses and a few other clothes. "I also left everything in Liberia," she said.

Since returning to Louisiana, you will find Ms Brown at our annual Schools of Christian Missions, Spiritual Retreats and Annual Meetings. Her continued support and attendance at all UMW events cannot go unnoticed. We thank God for Doretha Brown for all the lives she has touched and is still touching and making a difference.





PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Our PURPOSE helps us to know who we are, whose we are and for what purpose we have organized. We participate in God's mission in all areas of life. The four mission emphases reflected in the PURPOSE are: Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Education and Interpretation, and Membership Nurture and Outreach.

The Purpose of Women's Division

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of Christ and the Church and shall interpret the purpose of United Methodist Women. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; and shall engage in activities that foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement.

"In every local church there shall be an organized unit of United Methodist Women" (*The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, 2008, ¶ 256.5)

Use of this Annual Directory

It is against Women's Division policy to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firms. These lists are published for the use of the local, district, and conference officers of the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women **ONLY** and are to be used for the promotion of the work of the United Methodist Women.

Websites of Interest

Methodist links:

1. United Methodist Women Website: www.umwmission.org
2. United Methodist Women's Online Community: www.umwonline.org
3. Global Ministries of the Methodist Church: new.gbgm-umc.org
4. Louisiana Annual Conference: www.la-umc.org
5. Louisiana Conference UMW (laity): www.la-umc.org/laity/umw
6. umcom.org

Non-Methodist links:

1. www.newsdesk.org > NewsDesk.org is a non-profit, commercial-free, non-politicized news source covering important but overlooked issues from around the world -- and your own backyard.
2. www.churchwomen.org > Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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Mrs. Maude P. Harris	Mrs. Beulah Williams	Mrs. J.B. Pollard
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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

1930-1972

Miss Mildred Evans	Mrs. W.R. Simmons	Mrs. Grace Lawson
Miss Mary G. Page	Mrs. Minza Rabun	Miss Sue Batton
Miss Arline Tyler	Mrs. Gloria Bennett	Mrs. E. Lyons Baker
Mrs. Owinda Taplette	Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas	Mrs. Mary M. Bell
Mrs. Mary Helen Leslie	Mrs. Charles B. McGowan	Miss Ethel Alston

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – 1972

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick	Mrs. Robert Compton	Mrs. Truman L. Ward
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Mrs. Glenn (Virginia) Laskey

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Mrs. Pat Cobb		

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1972	Florence Kirkpatrick (died before her first Annual Meeting)
1973-1975	Mary Adele Compton
1975-1979	Amy Ward
1979-1980	Janet Hoffpauir
1980-1983	Nell Read
1984-1989	Janelle McCammon
1990-1993	Norma Winegeart
1994-1997	Pat Cobb
1998-2001	Elouise Sanders
2002-2005	Lueburda Myers
2006-2008	Harriette Tucker Elrod
2009	Edna Brown Hickman

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New Orleans District President.....Carolyn Bowers

Wesley Foundation, Southern University.....Edna Hickman

Dulac Community Center.....Joyce Thibodeaux

North Rampart Community Center

New Orleans District President.....Carolyn Bowers

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President of Conference United Methodist Women.....Edna Hickman

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President of Conference United Methodist Women.....Edna Hickman

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President of Conference United Methodist Women.....Edna Hickman

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Constitution and Bylaws, United Methodist Women Handbook, 2009-2012 p. 94, Article 5

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Constitution & Bylaws, UMW Handbook (2009-2012)
p. 101 Article III Section 1.a.

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Myrna Freeman
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Ethel Lilly
Dorothy Kimball
Lana Lathan
Ouida Smith
Dolores Giles
Bishop W. Hutchinson
Kathleen Conrad
Stephenae Carey
7 District Presidents

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Constitution & Bylaws, UMW Handbook (2009-2012)
p.102, Article III, Section 2.

Edna Hickman, Chairperson
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transact emergency business.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

C & B, UMW Handbook (2009-2012)
p.102, Article IV Section 1.a.

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Edna Hickman
Joyce Thibodeaux
Laurie Seeger
Barbara Ferguson
Ethel Lilly
Myrna Freeman
Juanita Lagard
Dorothy Kimball
Lana Lathan
Others as determined
by the Exec. Committee

COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

C & B, UMW Handbook (2009-2012)
p.105 Article IV Section 6.a.

Edna Hickman, Barbara Ferguson,
Ouida Smith and four additional members
nominated by the CON for a total of
seven persons serving.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Constitution & Bylaws, UMW Handbook (2009-2012)
p. 103, Article IV Section 2.a.

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Myrna Freeman
Barbara Ferguson
Ethel Lilly
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7 District Treasurers

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

C & B, UMW Handbook (2009-2012)
p.104, Article IV, Section 4.a.

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C & B, UMW Handbook (2009-2012)
p. 103, Article IV, Section 3.a.

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Lana Lathan
Myrna Freeman
7 District Coordinators of M,N, & O

COMMITTEE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

C & B, UMW Handbook (2009-2012)
p.104 Article IV Section 4.

Dolores Giles, Chairperson
Judy Willis
All elected members of the Executive
Committee, including the office of Dean
to be elected annually.

LA Conference United Methodist Women CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010 - 2012

Year 2010

- United Methodist Women Sunday – **January 24, 2010**
- Midyear Executive Committee Meeting – **February 6, 2010**
- Concurrent Finance, Membership and Nominations Committee – **March 20, 2010**
- West Gulf Regional School of Mission - **June 26-29**
- Conference UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **July 20, 2010**
- Conference UMW School of Christian Mission – **July 21 – 24, 2010**
- UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **September 30, 2010 – ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT**
- UMW Annual Meeting/DELT – **October 1-2, 2010 – ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT**
- Program, School of Christian Mission Committees – **November 13, 2010**

Year 2011

- United Methodist Women Sunday – **January 23, 2011**
- Midyear Executive Committee Meeting – **February 17, 2011**
- UMW Spiritual Retreat – **February 18-19, 2011**
- Concurrent Finance, Membership and Nominations Committee – **March 19, 2011**
- Conference UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **July 19, 2011**
- Conference UMW School of Christian Mission – **July 20 – 23, 2011**
- UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **October 6, 2011**
- UMW Annual Meeting/DELT – **October 7 – 8, 2011**
- Program, School of Christian Mission Committees – **November 12, 2011**

Year 2012

- United Methodist Women Sunday – **January 22, 2012**
- Midyear Executive Committee Meeting – **February 4, 2012**
- Concurrent Finance, Membership and Nominations Committee – **March 17, 2012**
- Conference UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **July 17, 2012**
- Conference UMW School of Christian Mission – **July 18 – 21, 2012**
- UMW Executive Committee Meeting – **October 11, 2012**
- UMW Annual Meeting/DELT – **October 12-13, 2012**
- Program, School of Christian Mission Committees – **November 17, 2012**

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Conference UMW Goals for 2009-2010

Education & Interpretation: To increase the number of Mission Today units.

Spiritual Growth: To increase the use of the Prayer Calendar at each meeting.

Membership, Nurture & Out-reach: To reactivate inactive units and cultivate new members.

Program Resources: To increase participation in the Reading Program by 10% as set forth by the District Secretaries' of Program Resources Annual Report.

Treasurer: To meet our Pledge.

Social Action: To increase the number of Social Action Certificates and to select a specific Social Action goal for up-coming Legislative events.

Communications: To increase readership in the *LA Now* and to ensure each will get the UMW editions.

Vice President: To write articles for publication in *LA Now* UMW editions informing members about Conference Goals and Mission Projects.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2010

PLEDGE TO MISSION		\$213,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT		
A. Travel Expense: (Insurance, Lodging/Meals, Mileage)	\$ 8,000.00	
Executive & Other Committees, for Interconference		
Events & Responsibilities & Church Related Meetings		
B. Resources: Officers	\$ 100.00	
Resources: Service Center Mailings (3)	\$ 105.00	
C. District Administrative & Membership Development	\$ 16,920.00	
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1 1/4% of Pledge)	\$ 2,662.50	
E. Schools of Christian Mission		
1. West Gulf Regional	\$ 10,000.00	
2. Louisiana Conference	\$ 10,000.00	
F. Programs & Events within Louisiana Conference		
1. Annual Meeting (include Speaker's Travel)	\$ 1,500.00	
2. District Elected Leadership Training (DELT - include Speaker's Travel)	\$ 3,200.00	
3. Retreat 2007 (Cumulative 2 years)	\$ 250.00	
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events		
1. National Assembly, 2010 (Cumulative 4 years)\$4600 through 2007	\$ 2,300.00	
2. Jurisdictional Meeting, 2012 (Cumulative 4 years)	\$ 1,500.00	
3. National Seminar, 2011 (Cumulative 4 years)\$300 through 2007	\$ 300.00	
4. Young Women to SCJQM (Cumulative 4 years)	\$ 200.00	
H. Operating Expenses		
1. Conference Directory	\$ 2,000.00	
2. Newsletter (Printing & Bulk Mail)	\$ 6,500.00	
3. Postage	\$ 600.00	
4. Office Supplies & Printing (Copying)	\$ 700.00	
5. Telephone	\$ 50.00	
6. Audit for 2008	\$ 1,000.00	
7. Honors and Memorials	\$ 400.00	
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	\$ 300.00	
I. Church Women United	\$ 300.00	
TOTAL A&MD BUDGET FOR 2010	\$ 68,887.50	\$ 68,887.50
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 2010		\$281,887.50

District A&MD Budgets for 2010

District	2010 Pledge	2010 Budget
Acadiana	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 1,975.00
Alexandria	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2,480.00
Baton Rouge	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 2,175.00
Lake Charles	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 2,130.00
Monroe	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,735.00
New Orleans	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 3,125.00
Shreveport	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 3,300.00
	\$ 213,500.00	\$ 16,920.00

United Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMARY ANNUAL GIVING BY DISTRICT - 2009

District	TOTAL GIVING	MISSION GIVING							Call to Prayer & Self Denial	General Mission	World Mission	National Mission	UMCOR	Brighter Future f/ Children	Magazine Fund	Other
		Total Mission Giving	Pledge to Mission	Special Mission Recognition	Gift to Mission	Gift in Memory	World Thank Offering									
Acadiana	13,747.89 #	9,654.14	7,995.53	1,120.00	323.50	468.00	867.11 #	324.75	100.00	150.00	3,389.00	30.00	100.00			
Alexandria	27,925.86 #	25,295.36	21,608.38	920.00	709.50	825.74	2,151.74 #	2,105.50			500.00	25.00				
Baton Rouge	47,467.04 #	41,416.13	35,079.81	2,320.00	1,332.23	820.00	4,184.09 #	2,335.91			3,045.00	595.00	50.00	25.00		
Lake Charles	29,632.71 #	23,166.70	21,395.50	1,419.10	125.00	386.27	1,259.93 #	1,223.51		750.00	2,955.00	387.50	450.00			1,150.00
Monroe	24,671.06 #	22,578.56	19,952.75	1,160.00	318.75	305.00	2,002.06 #	1,205.50		50.00	387.00					
New Orleans	37,027.96 #	31,744.21	26,869.45	2,280.00	804.00	825.00	3,245.76 #	1,353.00			3,517.75	413.00				
Shreveport	48,861.77 #	44,276.27	38,853.14	2,020.00	825.00	1,030.00	3,568.13 #	2,288.75			1,382.50	814.25				100.00
La. Conference	25.00 #	25.00		1,220.00		25.00										
Annual 2009	229,359.29	198,156.37	171,754.56	12,459.10	4,437.98	4,685.01	17,278.82	10,836.92	100.00	950.00	15,176.25	2,264.75	600.00	25.00		1,250.00

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL GIVING BY DISTRICTS - OTHER - 2009

District	TOTALS	Estelle Dameron Scholarship	Retiring Conference Officers	Mission Ribbons	Mission Candle	A&MD	Conference Directory	District Offerings	Unused District A&MD	Conference Offering	Assembly Offering	Transient	Teen SCM Scholarship	WGRSCM Gift Bags
Acadiana	\$3,497.62	50.00	90.00	636.00	610.12	452.65	388.80		845.05				300.00	125.00
Alexandria	\$831.64	35.00	156.50	53.00	0.00	244.75	117.75							224.64
Baton Rouge	\$3,765.98	175.00	240.00	926.00	1,785.34	318.50	46.50				50.00			224.64
Lake Charles	\$1,946.78	125.00	157.50	210.00	1,003.28	305.00	36.00				50.00		60.00	
Monroe	\$2,074.10	200.00	390.00	139.00	976.46	144.00	0.00							224.64
New Orleans	\$3,050.52	145.00	145.00	965.00	1,715.52	75.00	5.00							
Shreveport	\$4,774.15	125.00	267.50	1,610.00	1,552.46	690.00	0.00	289.55			15.00			224.64
Conference	\$3,068.03			305.00						2,763.03				
Annual 2009	\$23,008.82	855.00	1,446.50	4,844.00	7,643.18	2,229.90	594.05	289.55	845.05	2,763.03	115.00	0.00	360.00	1,023.56

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2009**

	Mission Funds Mission Giving	Reserve Funds Designated by	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash in Checking Account				\$14592.05
Funds from Women's Division				\$ 280.00
Capital One	\$2863.55	\$11,600.00	\$408.50	\$14872.05
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				
Restricted Funds (By Donor for Within Conference)				
1. Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund			\$237.50	
2. Teen SCM Scholarship Fund			<u>\$171.00</u>	
			\$408.50	
				\$ 408.50
Reserve Funds (Designated by Conf. Executive Committee)				
1. 2010 National Assembly			\$9,200.00	
2. 2012 S.C. Jurisdiction Assembly			\$ 1500.00	
3. 2011 National Seminar			\$ 900.00	
4. 2012 S.C.J.A. f/Young Women			<u>\$.00</u>	
			\$11,600.00	
				\$11,600.00
Mission Funds				
1. A&MD Funds Retained for 1 st Quarter			\$2583.55	
2. Other Funds due from Women's Division – SMRP			<u>\$ 280.00</u>	
			\$2863.55	
				\$2863.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				<u>\$14872.05</u>

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
THIRTY-SIX ANNUAL MEETING, New Orleans DISTRICT
September 18-19, 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"...We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

"...And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you receive the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit." (1 Thessalonians 1:6)

"...And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

I met with members of the New Orleans District Planning committee for annual meeting as we made plans for this meeting. The theme that was selected, **"Celebrate Faith, Love, Hope and Joy"** was announced with much enthusiasm and excitement to the Executive Committee of the LA Conference UMW. It amazed me especially when I found out how closely our theme is related to our Assembly theme of **"Faith, Hope, Love in Action."** As we come to New Orleans to Gretna United Methodist Church, we come to "Celebrate our FAITH in God, our LOVE of God and LOVE of each other, knowing that HOPE will sustain us and we are coming with JOY in our hearts. As United Methodist Women who are disciples of Jesus Christ, we find fulfillment of Faith, Love, Hope, and Joy in the name of Jesus Christ. We are ready! We are ready to receive you. Are you ready? That's my question to the United Methodist Women. Thank you for coming to Gretna United Methodist Church.

What a year we have had! Let's look at our year in review! Most of us celebrated UMW Sunday on January 25, 2009. Our theme was: **"Living Simply to Resurrect the Earth."** A good Spirit-filled time was had by all of us. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way on UMW Sunday.

Our Spiritual Retreat was held February 20-21, 2009. Our theme, **"LISTENING WITH NEW EARS"** was led by **Reverend Janet Wolf from the Tennessee Conference.** This retreat was Spirit-filled in every way. Everyone who attended did not leave the same as they came. The evaluations were EXCELLENT in everyway.

I represented you at the Louisiana Annual Conference in June. I participated on the Laity Program, Mission Day; and I served as a Communion Server and a Teller to help with the voting on the Amendments. This year, due to Mission Day, we did not have our Awards Luncheon. Our recipient of the Outstanding United Methodist Woman Award will go to Lana Lathan. She will be awarded at this Annual Meeting. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve and to represent you.

The Louisiana Conference served as host to the **West Gulf Regional School** as we met in New Orleans at Dillard University in June. We had over 350 persons from over 13 conferences. This group has the responsibility to prepare us to conduct our Schools of Christian Mission. The New Orleans District once again stepped up to the plate as they were called upon to assist us in many ways. There are so many persons to thank but due to space I will just call a few names. They are: Carolyn Bowers, President of New Orleans District, Dorothy Kimball, Secretary of Program

Resources and Evelyn Martin, who coordinated transportation to and from the airport. From the Conference team, I thank, Carolyn Dove, Alexandria District President for coordinating our gift bags to everyone in attendance, Tillie Shows, E&I, Lana Lathan, Communication Coordinator, Laurie Seeger, Treasurer and all other district presidents; Margery Manuel from Acadiana, Dolores Giles from Baton Rouge, Sammie Jo Perkins from Lake Charles, Georgie Lee Roberson from Monroe and Shirley Ledbetter from Shreveport. I also thank all conference officers for their support.

Our School of Christian Mission was led by Dean Joyce Thibodeaux and Assistant Dean Dolores Giles. We were really "Together At The Table" at the Wesley Center from July 22 – 25, 2009. What a time we had! Our Spiritual Growth Study was "Food and Faith;" our Geographical Study was "Sudan" and our Social Issue Study was "Giving our Hearts Away;" Native American Survival. Our youth study was "Food and Faith". Our study leaders were well prepared, our musicians were spirit-filled, the plenaries were informative and our Communion and closing ceremony will be remembered for a long time. We owe a great deal of gratitude to everyone who made this year School of Christian Mission one of our best.

For the first time in a long time, we will have Our DELT (District Elected Leadership Training) following our Annual Meeting. The intent is to cut down on the cost by combining the two; thereby not having a separate day for DELT. So if you are not a district officers, don't worry, we will have something for you as well, if you need to stay because you rode with a district officer. At this meeting, we will announce the results of the SURVEY that we have conducted this year to let you know if we will continue to combine Annual Meeting and DELT in the future.

This year has been an extremely busy one for United Methodist Women. At the **Leadership Training Event** (LTE) in St. Louis last year, the Women's Division emphasized two priorities for all conferences. They are: **Membership Counts** and the **Charter for Racial Justice**. We have been busy implementing both initiatives. On the Membership Counts initiative, each church will be contacted and visited within the next year from conference team members to discuss United Methodist Women, to nurture and to mentor units, and others persons who may want to become members or to form new units. Bishop William Hutchinson is on board with this visitation plan.

Our **Charter for Racial Justice Committee** has met and received approval from the Executive Committee to focus on efforts and attention on Equal Assess, which means Equal Opportunity for all students to attend Charter Schools. You will be asked to submit a letter and contact your Governor, legislators, and other elected and appointed officials about this matter. A letter will be distributed at this Annual Meeting and will be available on our website as well as in the LA Now! Please support our efforts and let our voices be heard so that we can make a difference for all of our children.

We want to thank all of the outgoing officers that will be leaving the Conference Team. They are: Jan Dickerson, Secretary, Tillie Shows, E&I (Tillie will be assuming the Chairperson of Standing Rules & Guidelines), Rita Parham, Chairperson of Standing Rules & Guidelines and Betty Rainey, Historian. We thank them for their service.

In closing we thank God for all that He has done for us individually, for us collectively and for the United Methodist Women.

In His Name,

Edna Brown Hickman

LA Conference UMW Vice President's Report

Ring out the Old Year and Ring in the NEW! (I love bells). And what a year we have had in 2009. For me, it was getting used to a new way of serving after my election to Conference Vice President. Also, it was my first opportunity to attend Regional School of Missions as Assistant Dean of School of Missions.

"2009" had many outstanding events. In February, we "Listened with New Ears" as Rev. Janet Wolf led our Spiritual Retreat. In June, the West Gulf Regional School of Missions was hosted right here in Louisiana by Dillard University. In July, we attended School of Christian Mission and through a variety of competent leaders, learned of the needs of others with two new studies; "Food and Faith" and "Sudan". The response to the needs of our Mission Agencies was once again outstanding.

In September, the New Orleans District hosted our Conference Annual Meeting. Women's Division Director, Cheryl Trent was our speaker. Our theme was "Faith, Love, Hope and Joy." And for the first time, we combined the Annual Meeting with our District Elected Leaders Training (DELT) for a one day meeting. We also voted to move the 2010 Annual Meeting and DELT from September to October 1&2. Special recognition was given to Ms. Doretha Brown, our native missionary serving in Africa, celebrating her 50 year anniversary. We also, extended congratulations to Mr. G. J. (Jerry) Bridges upon his retirement as Director of one of our UMW agencies the UMC McDonell Children's Services.

Under the leadership of our Social Action Coordinator and Conference President, our entire membership waged a letter writing campaign to legislators for the plight of Admission Requirements denying Equal Access in Louisiana Charter Schools. Also, in response to a mandate from Women's Division, our Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator and our President encouraged us in a "Membership Counts" campaign. Our Districts have made major efforts to begin the process of making visits to each and every one of our local units over the next two years.

This was the year that we all became aware of the need to be computer *savvy*. Thanks to the work of our Communications Coordinator, Lana Lathan, Mr., Tim Hebert and others, we have a newly updated website for our use. Now a variety of specific UMW information is at our fingertips and *mouse*.

Not all our efforts were rewarding however. Our book sales were down as well as reading certificates. Even though we sang the song about having Mission Giving down in our hearts, we experienced a shortfall for our pledges. Our pledge to missions for 2010 is \$213,000.

We must set realistic budget goals and follow them using our guidelines and bylaws. Our Conference Treasurer; District and Local treasurers are all working to give us a better sense of where the money goes and how it works in our organization. We know it is hard to ask to give more in these economic times. Hopefully, with the forming of new units, additional membership and the generosity and support of our wonderful UMWomen, who see the needs and are willing to meet those needs, we can meet our goals.

As for the New Year of 2010, I hope you are registered and have made your plans to attend ASSEMBLY 2010 "Faith -Hope -Love in Action", April 30-May 2. I will be going and look forward to seeing you there! Also, the West Gulf Regional School of Mission will be held again on the Dillard University campus on June 26-29, 2010.

One last thing, I know you will all wish to join me in extending heartfelt sympathy to the families due to the death of Mr. Earl Cobb, husband of Mrs. Pat Cobb, President South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group, and Mr. Bernard Brown, brother of Mrs. Edna Hickman, Conference President.

We will soon be celebrating UMW Sunday. I will be speaking at the Gonzales UMC on January 24. I hope you all have a wonderful and rewarding day.

Wishing you, one and all, a new year blessed by God's Love, Hope and Joy.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Willis, Conference Vice President

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Report of the Spiritual Growth Coordinator

My year as Spiritual Growth Coordinator has been enjoyable and interesting.

At West Gulf School of Mission and the Annual Meeting, I was one of the communion servers. I was also selected to serve on the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission Committee on Nominations.

It has been a pleasure working with the District S/G Coordinators who have been so helpful when asked to participate at the various UMW activities.

Our goals for 2010 are:

1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each UMW activity (Conference, District, and local level.)
2. Encourage members to write, pen pal, and/or send birthday cards to the missionaries listed in the Prayer Calendar.
3. Observance of the Day of Prayer and Self Denial.

It is time to plan for your 2010 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance. It's during this time when we reflect upon our reason(s) for being - our mission - as both Christian disciples and as United Methodist Women.

Give generously in your offering and support the mission programs and institutions related to the United Methodist Women and the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.

Wishing you love, peace, and joy in 2010.

Juanita S. Lagard
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

UMW Urges Legislators to Enact Open-Admission Charter Schools

When President Obama praises charter schools, he is talking about those that comply with federal law, requiring all students to be given an equal opportunity to attend. While most charter schools in Louisiana are open to all students, many are not. The “selective admission” charter schools were authorized by the Louisiana legislature. This year, the Committee on Racial Justice of the United Methodist Women initiated a massive letter-writing campaign asking legislators to repeal the section of Louisiana law that allows many charter schools to select students, thereby denying access for all students.

Under federal law, there can be schools with selective admissions; they are called magnet schools. Following the landmark decision to integrate schools, magnet schools were authorized in the 1960s for the purpose of reducing white flight from the city schools. School districts could establish some schools as ‘magnet’ schools, with admission requirements, as long as the school district operated other schools that served all students. Magnet schools obviously perform well because they select students. However, charter schools are to have open enrollment, and failing schools are encouraged to become charter schools in order to improve student achievement.

The UMW letter writing campaign urges amending Louisiana’s law that wrongfully allows magnet schools to be classified as charter schools. The greatest inequity that has been wrought concerns the charter school funds, which are supposed to go to charter schools in order to improve achievement, and not to magnet schools where students already perform well. In Louisiana, and only in Louisiana, millions of charter school dollars go to selective admission schools, under the guise of being called charter schools. Thus, the charter school reform initiative, and the funds that accompany it, bypasses the poor performing students for whom the reforms are intended.

Dr. Barbara Ferguson,
Social Action Chair

2009 Social Action - Exemplary Service Awards UMW Louisiana Conference

Lake Charles District – Submitted by Robbie Durham

1. DeQuincy UMC
2. University UMC
3. Mallalieu UMC
4. First UMC in Lake Charles

Shreveport District – Submitted by Loretta Haskins

1. Arcadia UMC
2. Broadmoor UMC
3. Benton UMC
4. Barksdale UMC
5. First UMC in Bossier City
6. Haughton UMC
7. Haynesville UMC
8. North Highlands UMC
9. Summer Grove UMC
10. Zwolle UMC
11. Gibbsland- Oak Grove UMC

Alexandria District – Submitted by Loretta Magee

1. First UMC in Pineville
2. Winnfield UMC
3. Bunkie David Haas Memorial UMC
4. Ferriday Servier Memorial UMC
5. Natchitoches UMC
6. Pollock UMC
7. Oakdale UMC
8. Palestine UMC
9. Alexandria Horseshoe UMC
10. Alexandria Newman UMC

New Orleans District - Submitted by Doris Harry

1. Kenner First UMC
2. Munholland UMC
3. Boynton UMC
4. St. Paul's UMC in Harahan
5. Fitzgerald's UMC in Covington
6. St. Matthew's UMC in Algiers
7. First Street-Peck- Wesley UMC

8. Mount Zion UMC
9. Live Oak UMC
10. Centenary UMC in Franklinton
11. Thirkield UMC
12. Wesley Ray UMC
13. Carrollton UMC
14. Cornerstone UMC
15. St. Matthew's UMC in Metairie
16. Mary's Chapel UMC
17. Bethany UMC
18. First UMC in LaPlace
19. Fitzgerald UMC
20. Aurora UMC

Acadiana District – Submitted by Margie Manuel

1. Bayou Blue UMC
2. First UMC in Thibodeaux
3. Asbury UMC
4. St. Paul UMC in Jeanerette
5. Trinity UMC in Baldwin
6. Mason UMC
7. First UMC in Lafayette
8. Abbeville UMC
9. St. Mark UMC in Opelouses

Monroe District –Submitted by Georgie Lee Roberson

1. Douglas UMC
2. McGuire UMC
3. St. Paul's UMC
4. Trinity UMC in ruston
5. First UMC in Monroe
6. Bastrop First UMC
7. Epps UMC

Baton Rouge District – Submitted by Rosa Watts

1. Francis Asbury UMC
2. Boardmoor UMC
3. Wesley UMC
4. St. John's UMC
5. Blackwater UMC
6. Ponchatoula UMC

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations
2009 Annual Report

The Committee on Nominations, Louisiana Conference, has met throughout the year. Actual meetings at the Wesley Center, Woodworth, e-mails and phone calls were prevalent as decisions were made concerning our slate of officers and mission coordinators for the year of 2010.

Truly, I have been blessed with devoted members of the CON, giving their time and talents to the business of filling our slate of officers for next year. Accolades go to Lueburda Myers, Taylor Phillips, Jonelle Walker, Patricia Watson, Shannon Rachal, Emily McCoy, Carrie Roy and Doret Gilbert-Wilson for their untiring work as Committee members in 2009.

I attended our School of Christian Mission studies at Wesley Center. A table was made available to those ladies who wished to complete the "Potential Leader's" and the "Recommendation" forms. I attended and participated in the Lake Charles District mission studies. Each District Chairperson, CON, was contacted during the year and offered assistance as needed. I was asked to meet with the Lake Charles District Committee on Nominations to participate in their discussions. Each District Chairperson, CON, was contacted.

When "Quiet Day" was observed by my District at the Lake Arthur Christian Campground, forms were available for those interested in applying for a Conference position and/or wishing to recommend someone. An invitation was extended to me to attend all District Executive Committee meetings, which I did. I look forward to attending other District meetings in Louisiana.

The "Term and Tenure Report" was completed in a timely manner. Plans were executed so that incoming officers could attend the LTE training in St. Louis in November. I was unable to attend the West Gulf Regional School at Dillard University because of illness in my family, but I am looking forward to the meeting in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Ouida Smith
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations
Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Committee on Nominations
2009 Nominees
Conference Officers/Committee On Nominations

PRESIDENT
Edna Brown Hickman
2010-2011

SECRETARY
Joyce Thibodeaux
2010-2011

EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION
Myrna Freeman
2010-2011

PROGRAM RESOURCES
Dorothy Kimball
2010-2011

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH
Ethel Lilly
2010-2011

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Class of 2013

Carole Boudreaux

Class of 2013

Marjorie Franklin

APPOINTEES
(Appointed by Conference President)

STANDING RULES AND GUIDELINES

Tillie Shows
2010-2011

HISTORIAN

Taylor Phillips
2010-2011

Tillie Shows
Education & Interpretation Coordinator
UMW Executive Board Meeting
July 21, 2009

I have communicated with the District Education & Interpretation by mail encouraging them to contact each of their local units to see if there are areas that they need help with and to remind the units that Mission Today and Mission Studies reports are due. A copy of the 31- DERFUL THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR, with the theme *Celebrating Faith, Hope, Love and Joy through Thanks-Giving*, was enclosed. (Conference officers will receive copy at Executive Board Meeting)

In April, I traveled with Beverly Cox to attend the Shreveport Spiritual Retreat. It was joyful to be with my sisters in UMW and worship with them.

I have met with the New Orleans District team as we to plan to host the Louisiana Conference Annual Meeting.

Invitations have been sent to all of our Retired Missionaries to attend School of Mission. Those attending have all of their expenses paid except registration fee.

I attended Gulf West School of Mission at Dillard University which was a very busy time with worship services (plenaries), mission studies, meetings and discussion on how to maintain and grow United Methodist Women. In the report on Leadership Development from Women's Division Instructor, Elmira Nazombi the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee all agree that in order to maintain and grow the United Methodist Women, we must nurture our established units by giving them personal support and attention through mentoring, nurturing and shepherding. It must be a priority of the Louisiana Conference in order to grow.

Respectfully submitted:
Tillie Shows

Mission Studies Report 2009

Certificate of:

<i>District</i>	<i>Excellence</i>	<i>Recognition</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
Acadiana	Abbeville UMC Bayou Blue UMC First UMC- Lafayette	Trinity UMC	Asbury UMC Mason UMC
Alexandria	Oakdale UMC	First UMC- Winfield First UMC- Pineville	
Baton Rouge	Broadmoor UMC Francis Asbury UMC Ingleside UMC Walker UMC	Blackwater UMC St. Luke UMC Wesley UMC	Broadmoor UMC St. Johns UMC
Monroe	Epps UMC First UMC-Tallulah McGuire UMC Mer Rouge UMC		
New Orleans	St. Matthew UMC- Algiers St. Matthews UMC-Metairie	First St. Peck, Wesley UMC Munholland UMC St. Paul's UMC	Carrolton UMC Kenner First UMC Mary's Chapel
Shreveport	Arcadia UMC Bossier UMC Fellowship UMC First UMC-Plain Dealing Gibbsland/Oak Grove UMC Haynesville UMC Homer UMC Ida UMC St. Luke's UMC Shady Grove UMC Wesley UMC	Summer Grove Lakeview UMC Broadmoor UMC	Christ UMC

Mission Today 2009

Gold Units:

Acadiana District:

Asbury UMC, Lafayette
First UMC – Lafayette

Alexandria District:

Pineville First UMC
Trinity UMC

Baton Rouge District

Blackwater UMC
Broadmoor UMC
Francis Asbury UMC
Ingleside UMC
St. Johns UMC
Walker UMC
Wesley UMC

Monroe District

McGuire UMC

New Orleans District

Cornerstone UMC
First St. Peck Wesley UMC
Fitzgerald UMC
Kenner UMC
Munholland UMC
St. Matthew – Algiers
St. Matthews UMC – Metairie
St. Paul's UMC
St. Timothy UMC

Shreveport District

Arcadia UMC
Barksdale UMC
Benton UMC
First UMC Bossier City
First UMC, Shreveport
Gibbsland/Oak Grove UMC
Haynesville UMC
Ida UMC
North Highlands UMC
Plain Dealing UMC
Shady Grove UMC
Summer Grove UMC
Wesley UMC

Silver Units:

Alexandria District

Wesley Booneville UMC

Lake Charles District

First UMC – Oakdale
Maplewood UMC

New Orleans District

Mary's Chapel UMC
Mount Zion UMC

Monroe District

Wesley Chapel

Shreveport District

Broadmoor UMC
Lakeview UMC

**SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES
REPORT TO LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2009-08-09**

It has been an exciting and wonderful year for me. As your conference Secretary of Program Resources, I was selected to serve on the West Gulf School of Christian Missions' Planning Team. I was not sure what I had gotten myself into; but as the year proceeded in our planning for the 2009 school, I grew to love the ladies with whom I worked. It was a double pleasure because we hosted the West Gulf School of Christian Missions here at our own Dillard University. As the Resource Room person, I got to meet and interact with women and men from all over of jurisdiction and from the Women's Division.

I am pleased to report to you that our participation in the Reading Program is up slightly over 2008. You can see our numbers below in the 2009 Reading Program Report. I congratulate all of you who participated in the program. The New Orleans District had the most readers, but the Shreveport District read the most number of books. Each year we see a better variety of books at a more reasonable price. I encourage all of you to take part in the program even if you read only one or two books.

If at any time, you need to call on me, please do so. I am here to serve you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position of our conference UMW.

In Christ's Love,
Dorothy F. Kimball
Secretary of Program Resources
Louisiana Conference UMW

2009 READING PROGRAM SUMMARY
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

DISTRICT	PLAN 1	PLAN 2	PLAN 3	PLAN 4	PARTICIPANTS	TOTAL READERS	TOTAL # BOOKS
Acadiana	7			1		8	54
Alexandria	10	3			46	59	143
Baton Rouge	28	1	3	2	18	52	240
Lake Charles	23	6		3	3	35	248
Monroe	22	5	2	1	10	40	236
New Orleans	77	8	2	1	17	105	514
Shreveport	65	18	6	6	3	98	717

TOTAL NUMBER OF READERS: 397

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS: 2,152

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH REPORT

This past Conference year I have learned how to assist and help each district in obtaining a true membership count. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience and I want to thank each District's Membership Coordinator for their support and work to establish a true membership count for the Conference. During this year I have attended the following events across the Conference:

- Attended the Shreveport District Spiritual Retreat at the Methodist Children's Home Owl Center in Minden, La. The site was beautiful and the experience was spiritually uplifting.
- Attended Church Women United Fellowship's Day Luncheon at First UMC in Bossier City, La.
- Attended West Gulf School of Christian Mission at Dillard University in New Orleans. We had a great time recalling, and learning from the Women Division instructors. The Leadership Training was most helpful. We have been asked to encourage our Conference leadership to visit all churches in our conference providing them with a synoptic view of our mission focus.
- Along with the Estelle Dameron Scholarship Committee, we were able to award seven (7) scholarships to adults and youth to our School of Christian Missions this past July.

Respectively Submitted,

Ethel Lily

Ethel Lily,
Conference Chairperson
Membership, Nurture and Outreach

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Greetings and Blessings to all in attendance at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

The office of Communications Coordinator has MANY rewards. We are always in the learning process and it is our hope that this will be a continued learning and retention process. Our conference newspaper continues to serve as a medium for highlighting our activities and spreading our news.

We appreciate the enthusiasm that you, our members and reporters, have had in submitting information for our conference newsletters. We continue to highlight news from all levels of our organization: Local units, Districts, our Conference, Jurisdictional, National & International involvement. Please continue to send news of what you are doing...It's Our Mission.

Let me share some of the information on our UMW paper:

► The UMW insert is published four times/year in the *LA NOW*:

January Newsletter- Articles/News due November 20th

May Newsletter - Articles/News due March 26th

July or August Newsletter- Articles/News due July 9th

November Newsletter - Articles/News due October 8th

Our next UMW insert will be in the *LA Now* dated November 20, 2009. The due date for article submissions is October 8, 2009.

► The plan is for our section of the paper to be an insert so that it can be a "lift-out" section for easy distribution.

► Cost/charges have remained @ \$1,500/issue (\$375/page); \$6,000/year

► Contact with the Communications Office for the Louisiana Conference UMC informs us that the *LA Now* has a mailing of 4,630+ and with recent increases in distribution sites, there is an estimated total of 5,700 copies distributed.

New /additional distribution sites are:

- * Disaster Response Centers-500 copies each. These sites include New Orleans, Dulac, Abbeville, and Lake Charles.
- * Just added is another 500 copies to churches.
- * An additional site is the Wesley Center.
- * All pastors and D.S.'s, active & retired, get copies as do surviving spouses.
(Recent changes may have varied distribution levels at these sites)

► A subscription Drive is done yearly and this has been quite successful. Subscription charges are \$20/year and \$30/2 year subscription. The conference office can be reached at 225-346-1646 (Baton Rouge).

►► Our most recent issue was dated July 25th. This date was an earlier date for us than last year's paper which was published in August. This July issue was implemented in an effort to get as much of our voting info out in a timely manner.

There is a clear-cut need for good use of our district newsletters and our conference web site. *All newsletters will not be able to cover all issues.* Our district newsletters and our web site will be able to help pick up those news events that occur or are completed in between our *LA Now* publication dates. I especially see the value of the website for our various forms & applications which would take up a lot of room in our printed issues. We salute our district and local communication coordinators and plan to work closely with them throughout the year. We do encourage members to seek the assistance of your church offices and/or fellow officers and members who have access to computers to help provide info from our issues to persons who don't have this access. If an e-mail copy is sent to one or more of your unit members, they can, in turn, make copies for members who do not have access to the internet. This is also a savings of postage since our conference does not pay any extra for postage, mailing and we get much of our coverage in color.

Currently the UMW mailing list consists of 759+ persons. *LA Now* staff member, Ms. Jamie Warren, monitors these lists for duplications between the UMW listing and the Louisiana conference office listing. Duplications are eliminated this way. Ladies, news of our work and programs is reaching beyond just our membership, letting many others know of our programs and mission activities. This news medium allows others to see what is available and how they too can participate in the important work of United Methodist Women... expanding "concepts of mission through the GLOBAL MINISTRIES of the church."

The next due date for news/articles is October 8, 2009. The date of publication is November 20, 2009.

Thank you for your attention, your patience, and your prayers for this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana P. Lathan, Communications Coordinator
Louisiana Conference UMW

2009 ANNUAL MEETING
United Methodist Women – Louisiana Conference
CELEBRATING FAITH, LOVE, HOPE, AND JOY
Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 1 Thessalonians 1:6
& 1 Corinthians 13:13

September 18-19, 2009

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Musical Prelude - Dorothy Pennington

Processional of Conference Officers

Invocation - Juanita S. Lagard

Convening of the 36th Annual Meeting - Edna Brown Hickman, President

The meeting was called to order at 1:00p.m.

Affirming the Purpose of United Methodist Women - Karen Crouch

“The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

Opening music: “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Welcome to UMW attendees - Rev. Dr. Ramonalyn Bethley, D.S., Rev. Dr. Tim Smith, Pastor, Gretna UMC, Carolyn C. Bowers, New Orleans District President, Helen Galloway, President, Gretna UMW

Lighting Of Mission Candle - Fannie Perkins Reddix, Margaret Milnor & Dorothy Lacombe.

This year the units of United Methodist Women of Louisiana Conference have contributed \$3,870 in Mission Giving. The Mission Candle will burn one hour, forty-five minutes and 0.25 seconds.

Special Music - The Cornerstone Harmonizers

Opening Meditation - Rev. Dr. Tim Smith

Announcements- Edna B. Hickman

UMW Sings: Staphenae Carey, Song Leader, Dorothy Pennington, Organist

BUSINESS SESSION

Appointment to Examine Journal

Mission Team Reports -Conference Officers, See attached

Conference Goals -Judy Willis, Vice President, See attached

Budget & Five Star Units-Laurie Seeger, Treasurer, See attached

Christian Social Action Awards - Barbara Ferguson, Social Action, See attached

Mission Study Certificates -Tillie Shows, Coordinator, See attached

Mission Today Certificates - Tillie Shows, Education & Interpretation, See attached

Conference Woman in Mission Award- Ethel Lilly, Membership, Nurture & Outreach

The Woman in Mission of the Year Award went to Jean Goin.

Reading Certificates -Dorothy Kimball, Secretary, Program Resources, See attached

Committee on Nominations -Ouida Smith, Chairperson, See attached

Election of Officers as presented - Edna B. Hickman

President’s Report -Edna B. Hickman, See attached

Greetings from South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team - Staphenae Carey

Greetings from Women’s Division Director -Kathleen Conrad, Director

Greetings from Louisiana Church Women United - Hallique Dawson, President

Project Reports: Dulac Community Center
North Rampart Community Center
UMCOR/Sager Brown

*Note: The above projects are National Mission Projects supported by
Women's Division of the United Methodist Church and located in the
Louisiana Conference*

Service Honoring Retiring Officers - Dr. Anita Crump, Dr. Gerri Elie, Phyllis Zansler

Closing Devotional-Juanita S. Lagard

Closing Hymn "We've Come this Far By Faith"

CLOSE AFTERNOON SESSION--4:30 P.M.

FRIDAY EVENING 6:30 P.M. BANQUET

Gathering Music - Dorothy Pennington & Staphenae C. Carey

Welcome -Edna B. Hickman

Words of Grace -Linda York

DINNER

Introduction of Special Music - Judy Willis

Special Music St. Matthew-Asbury Bell Choir - Sandra Griffin, Director

Special Music from *Black Cat Productions, LLC* - Clark J. Knighten, Owner

Benediction - Helen Galloway, President, Gretna UMW

SATURDAY MORNING - Convening-Sanctuary - 8:30 A.M.

Gathering Music – "Committed" Musical Group

Time of Worship and Praise - Committed

Holy Communion - Rev. Dr. Tim Smith and Rev. Dr. Martha Orphe

Introduction of Speaker - Edna B. Hickman, President

Message - Cheryl Trent, *Women Division Director, Mission Education and Enrichment*

Pledge Service -Laurie Seeger, Tillie Shows and District Treasurers

Acadiana District Treasurer: Pledge \$18, 500.

Alexandria District Treasurer: Pledge \$20, 000.

Baton Rouge District Treasurer: Pledge \$30, 000.

Lake Charles District Treasurer: Pledge \$32,000.

Monroe District Treasurer: Pledge \$30,000.

New Orleans District Treasurer: Pledge \$30,000.

Shreveport District Treasurer: Pledge \$53,000.

Louisiana Conference Treasurer: the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist

Women pledges total of \$213,000 for 2010 to fulfill the Purpose of Mission Giving.

Offering - District Treasurers

Report of Registration: Laurie Seeger reported that 218 people registered for the Annual Meeting.

Offering: Laurie Seeger reported that a total of \$1,142.65 was collected.

Presentation of Special Mission Recognition Pins - Edna B. Hickman

Recognition of New Deaconesses

Installation of Officers - Dr. Anita Crump, Phyllis Zansler, Dr. Gerri Elie

Invitation of 2010 Annual Meeting - Evelyn Evans

Announcement - Edna B. Hickman, President

Benediction - Brenda Marks

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Dickerson, Conference Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING
September 19, 2009

“Celebrating Faith, Hope, Love and Joy”

Today’s theme “Celebrating Faith, Hope, Love and Joy” is based on scripture passages from the letters of Paul to the churches in Thessalonica and Corinth. In 1 Thessalonians Chapter 1 vs. 2-3, Paul writes “we always give thanks to God for you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” In verse six, he commends their example with these words

“And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit”. In the 13th chapter of Corinthians, he writes: “And now faith, hope, love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

As I read and reflected on these passages in preparation for today, I was struck by how fitting these words for this day, how these words could have been written for United Methodist Women and our foremothers! For 140 years, since that stormy night in Boston in 1869 when eight women gathered to organize the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society, United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations, have understood the work of faith and labor of love through their commitment to addressing the needs of women, children and youth.

That handful of women gathered because they were concerned about issues that the men would not address. In India, schooling for girls was non-existent and women did not have access to proper health care. On the promise of two cents a week and prayers from the budding membership, the newly organized Women’s Foreign Missionary Society sent to India the first missionaries, Clara Swain, a medical doctor, and Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, to address these essential needs for women and girls.

Today, the legacy of their work continues through the ministries of the Clara Swain Hospital, providing health care for women, and the Isabella Thoburn College which continues to pioneer education for young women. The mission work that expanded into other countries such as China, Japan, and Africa continues today through schools, hospitals, and other educational and medical assistance programs supported through the mission giving of United Methodist Women.

While these two women and many others who would follow them through the years were at work abroad, Methodist women at home saw similar needs and established hospitals, schools, community centers, settlement, homes, and women’s residences to address the needs of women, children and youth. Alma Matthews worked with immigrant girls and women arriving in New York’s Ellis Island by meeting incoming ships, greeting the women and girls and taking them to her home whereby assisting them in safely beginning their lives in a new land.

Concerned about issues of education for women, day and night schools were begun by the Women’s Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to address the needs of the illiterate who needed help with English and reading. In 1882, two women sent to Savannah found 3,000 black children not accommodated in public schools and roaming the streets. Thus, a school was started in a local Methodist church. Epworth Children and Family services were started in 1864 by Methodist women who saw a need when orphan trains began coming through Missouri. They set up an orphanage to provide housing and health care for the children. Today, this residential program for children has expanded into an alternative education program for children with special needs, as well as an independent living program for children who were once at risk.

Marcy Newberry Center, founded in 1883 by Elizabeth Smith Marcy and the Women’s Home Missionary society, addressed the needs of immigrants in the Halstead and Maxwell Street areas of Chicago. Today, the Marcy Newberry Association continues to address the needs of Chicago’s west side through individual and group programs for self-determination, empowerment, self-awareness, community development and revitalization, human dignity and racial pride.

With land purchased in 1882 by the Methodist Episcopal Church South for use by the Houma Indians, Ella Hooper founded a mission school for Native American children not allowed to attend public school. Ella and her sister Wilhelmina spent 43 years serving the children within the Dulac area. Today, your own Dulac Community Center continues this commitment to human needs and the Native American Community through comprehensive services to women, children and families.

Methodist Women and United Methodist Women- the work of faith and labor of love with the steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ.

Our foremothers understood the work of faith and labor of love as they worked on and spoke out about social issues that affected women, children and youth. In the 1870s members of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society cancelled some of their meetings to permit women to picket saloons. Members of the various women's groups worked for women's suffrage to give women the legal right to vote. In 1928, the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church issued a "Call to Patriotism" in which they stated "...our task is to discover what gives rise to poverty, inefficiency, child labor and kindred conditions and to abolish the causes" Issues of poverty, child labor, education and worker conditions continue to be priority issues of advocacy for United Methodist Women today.

Our foremothers understood the work of faith and labor of love in their steadfast work for justice.

In 1906, Lugenia Burns Hope, an African American woman in Atlanta, saw extremely unsafe conditions because of racism in her neighborhood. She began a Neighborhood Union, a settlement house and community organizing project which attracted the attention of local white leaders. Across the South, women like Ms. Hope organized in their own communities and eventually the white women were asked to join their efforts- thus creating interracial women's groups that were radical for the times.

Thelma Stevens, a young school teacher in rural Mississippi in the 1930s was taken one afternoon by a group of students to witness a lynching of a young black boy. After that experience, Ms. Stevens, who had grown up surrounded by black classmates and friends, vowed to do all she could to ensure that no black person would ever again be lynched. She then gathered other Methodist women to join in her advocacy for the human rights of black persons in Mississippi. In the 1940s, Ms. Stevens pioneered the Women's Division work on racial justice and in 1952 the Division adopted the first Charter for Racial Justice. Ten years later, in 1962, the charter was adopted by the General Conference as the Charter for Racial Policies for the Methodist Church. The Charter for Racial Justice continues to be a guiding principle for our organization and the United Methodist Church today. Likewise, United Methodist Women continue to be on the forefront of addressing issues of racial justice in the church and society.

Through the years, Methodist Women and United Methodist Women have marched and walked for peace and equality; advocated for justice in legislative halls, addressed issues of social welfare, economic justice, and human rights. In 1996, thousands of United Methodist Women gathered in Washington, D.C. for the first "Stand for Children" event to give witness to their commitment to work to protect the rights of all children.

Theresa Hoover, a former Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division challenges us with these words: *"Who can look in the face of a child-any child- and not remember that this face is a reminder that God, the creator, has not despaired of humanity."*

Whether parent, grandparent, aunt or simply a responsible adult, each of us is called to give voice to the voiceless in our midst-the children!"

Today, United Methodist Women continue to advocate for women, children and youth as we work on issues of public education, health care, violence and ministries to aging women.

Throughout our history, Methodist women and United Methodist Women have, in spite of persecution, followed the example of Christ as we have been led by the Holy Spirit.

Methodist Women and United Methodist Women: the work of faith and labor of love with the steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ.

Through the giving of our resources to support the work of mission and our mission institutions, United Methodist Women understand the work of faith and labor of love as lives are changed and people are empowered.

Hear these stories:

Mary, a resident at the Emma Norton Residence in St. Paul, Minnesota which provides housing for women in transition and is supported by United Methodist Women. "This program is wonderful" says Mary, who came to the Residence after completing treatment for cocaine addiction. The former high school basketball star lost a college scholarship, dropped out of high school, and spent 12 years in the chaos of cocaine. While at Emma Norton, Mary secured a good paying job, reunited with her two daughters, ages 8 and 12 and became independent.

*"The most important thing was not just the calls from the mentors or the things we received," she said. "the most important thing was knowing that the church had faith in me. That has motivated me."**

*"Are you my therapy?" asked a young man new to the treatment program at Epworth Village in York, Nebraska, a mission institution supported by United Methodist Women. The question prompted me, his counselor, to examine the word "therapy" which means "to heal" Since healing is the cure, what's the illness? In his case, it was an absent father, a deceased mother, gang affiliation, a criminal record, drug abuse and truancy. He was searching; and his search led him to Epworth Village where he found his therapy, his healing. He found healing when a maintenance man welcomed him and showed him how to operate a piece of equipment. He found healing when a teacher explained a difficult lesson. He found healing when a life skills trainer cooked a meal with him took him for a walk or discussed life while they watched a TV program together. He found healing when a therapist helped him understand his grief. "You're the first person to ask me about my mother." This young man came without hope and now he has found it. He came with burdens and now they are shared and lifted. He came with questions and received answers. He came wondering if there was anyone he could trust and he learned that some people are good. I looked at this young man and answered, "Yes, I'm your therapy"**

George and Calvin live in a complicated neighborhood in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania with their mother, grandmother, and baby sister. The house next to them is condemned, a bar on the corner sells bottles of beer in carry out sacks, and the sidewalk in front of their house is littered with crack cocaine vials and broken glass.

Like a lot of little guys in the neighborhood, George, age 6 and Calvin, 7, were spending a lot of time playing and hanging out in the streets- that is until their grandmother literally dragged them to the afterschool and tutoring programs of Neighborhood Center, a mission institution supported by United Methodist Women. Their mother couldn't or wouldn't complete the documents to receive assistance with fees but their grandmother, who had a full-time job, feared what might happen if the boys were left on their own to run the streets.

Having just received a financial gift for unrestricted use, the Center used the gift for George and Calvin's fees.

At first the boys were not happy about coming to the Neighborhood Center each day after school. They didn't like obeying the rules. They didn't like having to say grace before eating their snacks. They didn't like having to do homework before playing. And they didn't like having to respect their peers or being restrained from beating up others to get what they wanted.

For awhile, it seemed they tried to do everything they could to get themselves kicked out. Because they demanded so much attention, at times removing them from the program seemed like a good thing to do. But the staff persevered.

After the boys had been enrolled about six months, a staff member felt a tug on her arm after a tutoring session. It was George, waving a fistful of papers at her. On one, he had drawn with crayons a picture of Christ on the cross. Alongside it he had written a prayer: "God bless everyone, black and white. Love, George"

*George insisted the staff member make fifty photocopies to put on the public information table inside the main entrance. Then he said, "Everybody needs to know that God is at the Neighborhood Center"**

United Methodist Women: the work of faith and labor of love and the steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ.

United Methodist Women understand the work of faith and labor of love as they become personally involved in mission and work for justice, collectively and in their communities.

In the Kansas East Conference, United Methodist Women members worked with the Topeka Women's Correctional Center to organize a unit "inside" and district members share in the responsibility of meeting with the unit. Today, the unit "Women Helping Women Inside" (WHWI as they call themselves) is 45 members strong and have pledged as much as \$500 to Mission Giving. Because incarcerated women have few resources their giving is made possible through the sale of handcrafted items made by the WHWI unit members. The story doesn't end here. When the unit president, who had been incarcerated for more than 20 years for a crime to which she was an accessory was denied parole after the offender, a male, was released, United Methodist Women members mobilized on her behalf, writing letters to the parole Board and testifying at parole hearings. When work release became a requirement for her parole and the prison waiting list for such was over 40, a United Methodist Women business owner created a job for Lorna to

meet the requirement. In February 2007, Lorna was released and led a workshop at the 2008 South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting of United Methodist Women.

United Methodist Women in the Holston Conference do the work of faith through ministries to the homeless. Unit members in Kingston provide Wednesday evening meals to homeless persons living under a bridge and give to them a change of clothing

made possible through unsold items from festival and rummage sales. “Warm Valentines” of socks in cold winter months warmed the hearts and the feet of more than 500 homeless persons last winter.

United Methodist Women across the country are embracing work for refugee and immigration rights. From Nebraska to Florida to Virginia, they are working in partnership with Justice for Our Neighbors which invites churches to be host to immigration clinics where people get assistance regarding their immigration status. United Methodist Women members and units have supported efforts by organizing the clinics, providing hospitality and child care and joining letter-writing campaigns on immigration rights.

Hear this testimony of Kim Hallowell of the California-Pacific Conference: “United Methodist Women, through its Reading Program and the book *Free the Children* opened my eyes to the suffering that some of my younger global sisters and brothers endure.” As a result, Kim, a college student began actively working in her community to eliminate child labor.

Ubuntu Explorers is a volunteer in mission experience created by and for United Methodist Women. Its purpose is to build relationships with women in other parts of the world, and foster a greater understanding for the context of mission in other countries. It’s about affirming lives and sharing our stories and experiences. By the end of 2010 United Methodist Women participants in Ubuntu explorer experiences will have visited and personally connected with women in Africa, Uruguay, and Cambodia, the Philippines, Brazil and Russia.

Schools of Christian mission studies call United Methodist Women to action. After taking the 2004 study on Public Education, Pat Butler, a retired teacher in the Virginia conference, led her local unit in organizing a tutoring program for high-school students who failed to pass the mandatory Standard of Learning Tests, required for graduation.

“I went to the principal of our local high school and asked if I could work with the students who hadn’t passed their state tests” Ms. Butler said. “He said” I can’t pay you.’ I said “I didn’t ask you to. I just need the students. Today, United Methodist Women members from two districts purchase books students need to retest and the student passing rate on the retake is higher than 86% (RESPONSE MAGAZINE June 2006) United Methodist Women: the work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ.

United Methodist Women understand the work of faith and labor of love as we seek to keep covenant with creation through our commitment to and work on environmental justice.

Our Native American sisters and brothers teach us that Earth is not a commodity but a community. And all that is in the community is sacred and to be cared for.

United Methodist Women has been taking care of the earth seriously for a long time.

As early as 1961 the Women’s Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of Methodist Church –directors called for Congress to halt testing of nuclear weapons and holding hearings on the implications of chemical, bacterial and radiological weapons.

In 1998 the Women’s Division published the first edition of *Green Guidance: How to Plan Environmentally Responsible Events*.

Today, United Methodist Women recycle at meetings, avoid where possible the use of Styrofoam cups, advocate for the use of chlorine free paper, and educate about toxic effects of mercury-containing drugs. Through the Green Team program, launched in 2005, United Methodist Women work on environmental issues on their own regions.

Leading workshops, legislative work, promoting healthy foods in public schools, and promoting the use of reusable water containers as opposed to bottled water, are among the ways Green Team members live call us to become involved in “green mission”

United Methodist Women understand faith, hope, love and joy as we enfold each other and the world in prayer.

It began as a thought to leave a small gift of love to women, children and youth served by mission institutions in the Western Jurisdiction, the Assembly host region. But the call to United Methodist Women members for prayer shawls tapped into a well so deep and overflowing with compassionate crafters, that

institutions, ministries and individuals nationwide are being touched by their prayerful works. United Methodist Women in conferences, districts, local units and circles gave more than 2,000 handmade prayer shawls. In the words of Jan Love, former Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division, as she addressed the 2006 Assembly of United Methodist Women:

"you belong to an organization where members surround each other with prayer. We wrap each other in those amazing shawls, and we enfold others who suffer in prayer so that everyone having a hard time can gain confidence and comfort in God's love, mercy and kindness."

Today, the ministry of prayer shawls still abounds!
United Methodist Women: the work of faith and labor of love and the steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ. The PURPOSE statement of United Methodist Women call us to "know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church"
In so many ways, in so many places our PURPOSE is made known as together we do the work of faith and the labor of love.

In the 10th Chapter of John,

Jesus says "I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly." Jesus was God's promise and hope for the world-that through Him, all persons might know a life of wholeness and hope, a life of freedom from oppression, a life filled with inner strength and peace.

As we work together to address the needs of women, children and youth; as we rise to loose the bonds of injustice, to free the oppressed, feed the hungry, welcome the homeless, and care for the poor-that all might know the abundant life that Christ intended, United Methodist Women do the work of faith and the labor of love with the steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ.

As we reflect Christ's love to the world though our involvement in mission, United Methodist Women do the work of faith and the labor of love with the steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ.

What then, is our challenge as United Methodist Women gathered here today? How are we to strengthen our commitment our PURPOSE and to encourage others to come and join us in doing the work of faith and the labor of love?

You are among the faithful and you are here because of your commitment to the organization. Many of you know the history and power of our legacy as women organized for mission. Perhaps some of you are relatively new and want to deepen your understanding of this extraordinary organization. But what of those yet to be reached? What about those who view the organization of UMW as irrelevant to the needs of women in the church today? How are we to reach others with our message and widen the circle of those who embrace the PURPOSE?

First, we must tell our story more loudly than it's ever been told. We must tell it with conviction and passion, for, like our foremothers, we, too, face adversity in our work. There are those who attempt to thwart our efforts, stand in our way and tear us down rather than work with us in our mission involvement. We must become proactive in interpreting the organization and who we are as women organized for involvement in God's mission.

We must let go of some traditions and our "we've always done it that way" thinking. Issues of advocacy and justice, of health and wholeness for all persons, are issues of concern to young women and women of various language groups. But we cannot expect them to come and sit with us in our local unit meetings to spend an hour discussing whether to have coffee and cookies or cake and punch at a church reception! We must find other ways to conduct such business and use our time together to involve young women and other women not previously a part of the organization in study, in action and in hands on mission involvement. We must introduce them to the Reading Program, and mission studies, not just the quilting circle or the kitchen committee. Teen and college women and young career women tell us they are searching for a place in the organization, but are not often appreciated in their conference, district and local units. They want to be part of something that is constant in focus but flexible. Too often, we want to bring them in and have them fit a mold. They say to us "affirm our creativity and optimism. Use us to make mission happen!"

We must involve them in the planning and leading of our programs and events, then be willing to implement their ideas. We must let go of our beliefs that things have to be done in a certain way, by certain persons, and be creative.

In 2006, the Women's Division launched an online community – UMW online- a community for faith exploration, member nurture, and mission sharing, and much more. While UMW online provides the opportunity for members to deepen their own understanding, more important, it provides the opportunity to join the organization online. What an opportunity for the woman who cannot fit one more meeting into her life, the college woman, the homebound woman, or the woman for whom the traditional is no longer relevant! We must promote this extraordinary opportunity and be flexible enough to allow women in our churches to join the organization in this way!!

If we are to reach others, we must share our stories with them, and listen to theirs. We must join with them to form intergenerational partnerships. Women of all ages want to make a difference in the world and United Methodist Women offers that opportunity.

Finally, we must take the local church organization of United Methodist Women out of the kitchen and into action. The church's ministry of hospitality is important and vital, but it is one to be carried out by all people of the church, not just United Methodist Women. If we are to mobilize women for mission and action, as did our foremothers, young women and others not previously involved in United Methodist Women, must see the passion for justice and commitment to mission involvement alive in each of us! No other Christian women's organization bears this legacy of or commitment to such mission and advocacy for women, children and youth.

Awesome challenges? You bet they are. As we commit ourselves to meeting them, let us take heart from the hope and vision of one college woman and leader in the organization:'

I pray that United Methodist Women will continue to thrive and be an even more powerful force for peace and justice in another 135 (and now 140) years. I see my daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters all raising their voices in solidarity for the causes of women, children and youth. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, propelling us to an even brighter future as we strive in the hope of God's kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

These possibilities for reaching others are endless! I challenge you to let go and make it happen! In his book, **A BISHOP'S REFLECTIONS**, Bishop Kenneth Carder cites a powerful story as told by Bishop Jack Meadows in a sermon delivered at a meeting of the Council of Bishops:

During Special Olympics, nine children lined up for the hundred yard dash. The signal was given and the specially challenged children left the starting line. Several yards into the race, one contestant fell. He began to cry as he held his skinned knee. Then the other children heard the cry. All eight of them turned back toward their fellow runner. A girl with Down's syndrome knelt down and kissed the scratched knee of her friend. The other children lifted their competitor to his feet. Arm in arm they all walked across the finish line at the same time. Parents, children, friends and members of the press rose to their feet and cheered the nine winners.

As we look to the future, I envision an organization of United Methodist Women where teen women, college women, young women, older women, women of all races and languages and women from all walks of life are joined arm in arm, moving toward the finish line that brings justice, hope and freedom as whole persons in Jesus Christ for all women, children and youth.

United Methodist Women do the work of faith when we love as God loved.

United Methodist Women do the work of faith when we live as Christ lived.

United Methodist Women do the work of faith as we joyfully live out our Purpose and do the work of Christ in the world.

United Methodist Women: the work of faith and the labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Cheryl Trent 9/09

Women's Division Staff

*From The Caring Connection: Telling Our Stories, National Mission Institutions. Published by The General board of Global Ministries, 1999 and 2006

FROM THE PEW!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am indeed honored to write the first article on behalf of the Board of Laity called “*From the Pew!*” I want to thank **Sarah Kreutziger**, Conference Lay Leader for the honor and opportunity to highlight some of the projects and ministries of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. We also give thanks to God for blessing us to see another year and it is our prayer that He will continue to bless us.

WOW! What an amazing year we have had as United Methodist Women of the Louisiana Conference. As United Methodist Women, we are a national and international membership organization and we are designated as the “**Mission Arm**” of the church. We are also one of the Mission Ministries of the Conference Board of Laity. Our purpose is to know and love God and we show that love through our MISSION Giving. I want to share some of the outstanding contributions we have made and why we are proud to be United Methodist Women. In this sharing we want to make you aware of why *you, too, should also be proud to be a part of this wonderful ministry.*

We support the Global Ministries of the church. Louisiana is Home to several Mission Projects & Properties owned and managed by Women’s Division of the United Methodist Church and supported by Louisiana and world-wide UMW members. In 2009, the Louisiana Conference UMW pledged over \$229,000 in mission to our Louisiana and world-wide projects. Our Louisiana Mission Projects are: **North Rampart Community Center** (formerly the St. Mark Community Center) in New Orleans; **Dulac Community Center Services** in Houma; **MacDonell United Methodist Children’s Services** in Houma; and **Sager Brown-UM Committee on Relief Depot** (UMCOR) which operates under the General Board of Global Ministries of the UM Church in Baldwin, LA.

Here are some personal accounts from a few of our United Methodist Women and what this ministry means to them.

MISSION AGENCY: This is the story of **Corine Francis Paulk**, who is currently a very active



UMW. She writes, “I grew up in Dulac, LA where my first contact with what is now the UMW came through the Women Society of Christian Service (WSCS), in the early thirties. I attended the Dulac Indian Mission School from 1949-1954. Terrebonne Parish School Board opened an Indian only public school in lower Dulac in 1954, accepting its long overdue educational responsibility to the Houma Indians. The mission school closed its doors at the end of school session 1954 and I therefore transferred to the public school for 1954-55 and remained until 1957. Although I enjoyed school and the teachers were good to us, I now know that most of the teachers were not certified or degreed; therefore, they did not prepare us for high school and high school was not established for us until 1961. The directors had plan to turn the mission school into the **Dulac Community Center**, but in the meantime, the time was closing in for me with no plans for high school. I finally did go to Vashti boarding school for girls in Thomasville, Ga. It was and still is a United Methodist facility. The women who ran the

school were all United Methodist Women. While I was at Vashti, UMW from Louisiana took care of me by providing me with some clothes, birthday presents, gifts of spending money and some of my tuition. After I graduated from Vashti, I came back to Dulac to be with my mother, who was dying of cancer. The summer of 1962, Dulac Community Center sent me to Scarritt to train to become a Kindergarten Teacher. I worked 30 years in Indian Education for Terrebonne Parish School Board; retiring in 2004. I am former president of Houma Heights UMW, member of Bayou Blue UMW, vice chair of the United Methodist Native American Task Force. I also served as study leader at the Louisiana School of Christian Mission for the study "Giving Our Hearts Away – Native American Survival Study". The United Methodist Women played such a special part in my life, I will NEVER, NEVER, FORGET THE LOVE AND CARE THEY OFFERED ME AND MY FAMILY.



LOVE: The next story is about two UM Women at Pineville First United Methodist Church. Their names are **Anne Searcy and Jerri Bonner**. Anne was diagnosed with Chronic renal (kidney) failure and in order to live she would need to have a kidney transplant. Upon realizing the seriousness of Anne's illness, and after careful prayerful thought, Jerri had the blood work and health evaluation done and was told by the physicians that her kidney was a perfect match for Anne. The transplant surgeries were scheduled at Tulane in New Orleans and they were both successful. The doctors said it was perfect. Anne says it is impossible to adequately thank Jerri and she refers to John 15:13 *"Greater love has no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friend."* Jerri has been a dedicated member of the United Methodist Women for many years and has set a high standard for church involvement in every area with which she has been involved. This is one example of the strength of love that can develop through an organization focused on the love of Christ and His purpose.

MISSION GIVING: Each year for our School of Christian Mission and Annual Meetings, we ask members to bring additional mission items or money for our mission agencies. **First United Methodist Church in Lafayette** brought a total of \$1,700.00 for our agencies. **The president of First United Methodist Church in Lafayette and President of the Acadiana District, Margery Manuel** gave this account on how the money was raised. "For the past several years, the UMW of First UMC Lafayette have celebrated the Fourth of July by inviting guests to join us for a picnic, music and patriotic entertainment. What better time to enjoy home made ice cream and a slice of pie? Since everyone seems to enjoy this so much, we felt that it was a great time to raise money for our UMW Conference Mission Project. Shortly after the Fourth of July event that raised \$400.00, our church planned our Vacation Bible School. Each year the VBS Team selects a mission project to support. In this way we expose the children to mission giving through *"hands on"* approach that makes it easy for little ones to understand that God expects us to reach out and help others. During our planning session, it was suggested that we continue to support the UMW Mission project this year by asking our children to bring money to purchase school supplies in preparation for the upcoming school year. Each evening a short skit was presented about our mission project and the children were given the opportunity to contribute to it. The children really became excited as they saw our tally grow each evening. First United

Methodist Church n Lafayette is always very mission-minded and generous with both time and money. This proved true once again as the congregation gave funds toward this project through a special collection that Sunday. The children and our church family gave \$1,300.00 to the project. When this amount was combined with what our unit had set aside from the pie sale, I was very proud to announce at our School of Christian Mission that the members of FUMC-Lafayette had sent \$1,700.00 to support our UMW Conference Mission Project for this year! God has blessed our church in so many ways and we wanted to pass His blessings on to others.”

Youth-Young Adult Reflections on United Methodist Women

Participation in United Methodist Women (UMW) was a fixture of my rearing and I consider being a United Methodist part of my family’s legacy. As a child, I recall attending meetings of our local UMW unit with my mother, grandmother and aunts. My aunts served in many leadership roles, such as president of our local unit, district president, and president of the Louisiana Conference for UMW. During my teen years, I became active in School of Christian mission, during which I met other teenaged girls who shared values similar to my own and were interested in growing in their faith journey. My favorite annual UMW endeavors were the annual reading programs as well as the mission meeting where we could obtain global perspectives on women around the world seeking to better their communities and grow in their relationship with God. Now that I am a young adult, I am continuing my work as a United Methodist woman by maintaining my membership, working on the local level, and supporting LA conference endeavors. You, too can share these wonderful experiences that will have a lasting effect on your life. UMW reaches so many in so many ways, locally and globally. Keeping God in the forefront.

Erica Joy Washington, MPH Epidemiology

SUMMARY: If you are not an active member of the Louisiana Conference UMW, you are invited to become involved with this viable, rewarding ministry ***Today!*** We have yearly Conference and Regional Schools of Christian Mission, Annual Celebrations of UMW Sunday, Conference Annual Meetings, and Biannual Spiritual Retreats. We offer scholarships to youth and adults attending School of Mission for the first time. As a conference, we participate on the Regional and Jurisdictional levels and in Quadrennial Assembly meetings. **Speaking of Assembly, we encourage you to make plans to Assembly 2010, April 30th through May 2nd in St. Louis, MO. Like at previous Assemblies, an UMCOR truck will be in the Experience Hall for collecting assembled kits for UMCOR.** There is also an opportunity to participate in the Ubuntu Day of Service and the Mission Forward symposium. UMW offers many opportunities of “Joyous Possibilities” through which we can Love Locally and Give Globally! Please join us in this very important mission and help make a difference with God’s help. As with all of God’s work, you won’t regret it!

For more information, you may go to the conference website at <http://www.la-umc.org> and click on ***laity/umw***.

Please join us!

In His Name,

Edna Brown Hickman, President, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

